Remarks:

Drawings

The drawings stand objected to as not including reference signs 100 and 14a. Appropriate corrections have been made in the drawings included herewith. Accordingly, the Examiner's approval of the drawings is respectfully solicited.

§112 Rejections

Claims 3, 4, 8, 10, 11 and 13-15 stand rejected under §112 as indefinite. Claims 3 and 13 have been amended to delete the term "the" preceding the term "interface" and replace it with "an," resolving any antecedent basis problems. Claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 7 rather than from itself. Claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 9 rather than from claim 11. Claim 11 has been amended to depend from claim 9 rather than from itself. Accordingly, all the §112 issues are believed resolved, and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

§102 Rejections

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12-14 stand rejected as anticipated by Lind. Applicant has made several amendments to claim 1, among them: "said support arm including a substantially arcuate portion and a substantially linear portion." The arcuate portion of the support arm is labeled 19 in Applicant's drawings, and discussed in the specification in paragraph 20. Lind does not disclose a support arm having the claimed features and the rejections to claims 1-4 and 6 are therefore overcome.

Applicant has also amended claim 7 to require: "a longitudinal channel having top and bottom channel walls and a back channel wall." The claimed channel construction is discussed in Applicant's specification at paragraph 17. Lind does not teach a channel having the claimed features and the rejection to claim 7 is therefore overcome.

Applicant has also made several amendments to claim 9. As amended, claim 9 requires: "said support arm comprising an arcuate portion and a linear portion extending across said guide member." Lind does not teach this limitation, and the rejections to claims 9 and 10 are therefore overcome.

Applicant has further amended claim 12 to require: "a linear portion extending across said guide member and oriented substantially perpendicular thereto, wherein said linear portion is sufficiently displaced from said guide member to accommodate said body piece at either of said first and second sides thereof." The relative positioning of body piece 20 and support arm 18 are illustrated, for example, in Applicant's Figure 4. Lind does not teach a "linear portion" of a support arm, nor does Lind teach a support arm that extends "across" the guide member and is "sufficiently displaced from said guide member" to accommodate the body piece on both sides thereof. Accordingly, the rejections to claims 12-14 are overcome and withdrawal of the same is respectfully requested.

§103 Rejections

Claims 5 and 15 stand rejected as unpatentable over Lind in view of Aurness. Claims 5 and 15 depend, respectively, from claims 1 and 12. Claims 1 and 12 recite limitations not taught in Lind or any of the cited references, as set forth above. The cited references therefore do not present a prima facie case of obviousness and the rejections are overcome.

Claims 8 and 11 are rejected as unpatentable over Lind in view of Aumess. Claims 8 and 11 depend, respectively, from claims 7 and 9. Applicant has amended claims 7 and 9 to recite limitations not taught by the cited references, as set forth above. The cited references therefore do not support a prima facie case of obviousness and the rejections are overcome.

Applicant has further submitted two new claims 16 and 17. Claim 16 depends from claim 1 and further limits the design of the guide member. Claim 17 also depends from claim 1 and further limits the positioning of the support arm relative to the guide member.

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Accordingly, the allowance of claims 1-17 and passage of the subject application to issue is courteously solicited. If the Applicant may be of any further assistance in the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (248) 364-2100.

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